KITCHIN ADAMANT

If Subject, Is Reopened It Will Be Over His Opposition.

PUTS END TO CONFERENCE

Railroad Officials Derive No Satisfaction in Aftempt to Secure Legislation.

RALEIGH. N. C. January 30.--A three-hours conference to-day between igovernor Kitchin. State officers and officials of the several railroad comofficials of the several railroad companies, regarding the railroad passenger rate situation, resulting in no progress so far as any agreement for concerted action to procure legislation at this session, that would allow the Corporation Commission or other State tribunal to investigate and readjust the rates, if shown by the railroads to be too low after the trial year ending April 1st, is concerned. It did develop that Governor Kitchin will oppose any movement whatever at this velop that Governor Kitchin will op-pose any movement whatever at this time to reopen the question of pas-senger rates, and that if there is any movement in this session the railroad companies will have to take the initiacompanies will have to take the initiative and procure the introduction of the
bill to empower the commission to pars
on the rates after some fixed period
within the next two years, and try to
get it through the Legislature in spite
of the opposition of Governor Kitchin.
Parties to the conference were Governor Kitchin, Senator J. S. Maming,
Speaker A. W. Graham, Chairman Mc,
Neill, of the Corporation Commission,
Attorncy-General T. W. Bickett, on
the part of the State; President W. W.
Finley, of the Southern; T. M. Emerson, Atlantic Coast Line; Chief Executive W. A. Garrett, of the Seaboard
Air Line; General Counsel A. P. Thom,
of the Southern, and First Vice-President A. B. Andrews, of the Southern.

Italizonds' Attitude.

Mr. Finley opened the conference
with a statement of the attitude of the
railroad companies, which he feared
the Governor had misunderstood. They
were not asking, he stated, that this
conference consider the reasonableness of the present passenger rates at
all, but the whole desire of the railroad companies at this time is to have
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means whereby the railroad companies
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side courts if relief seemed necessary for the preservation of the properties.

The agreement with the State had been for one year's trial, he said, and if this Legislature did not take action if would mean the State forcing a three years' trial instead of one. All the railroads want is that the State make it possible for them to seek relief in State tribunal channels in the event it is found to be necessary. He and his associates hoped sincerely that this would not be necessary, and that the present 2 %-cent rate would in the end prove reasonably remunerative.

in passenger and freight traffic would be in the better times that seem to be

In asking this, he said, the rafiroads were moving for the best interests
of not only the companies, but for the
thousands of employees, and indeed,
of the whole people, in that reduced
receipts might force conditions to the
great injury of the cumployees and the
public generally, as well as the wreck
of the properties. The interest of the
whole people demand a change that
would make it possible to adjust the
rate without having to wait two years
for another seasion of the Legislature.

Different Problems.

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Governor Kitchin took the ground that the parsenger rate question was one so clear cut that the Legislature. could easily mass upon it, and should retain that right to regulate. It differed he said from the freight rate problems, which he thought might properly be left to the Corporation

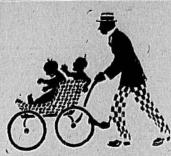
Mr. Finley argued that there is great



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Attorney-General Bickett had advo Attorney-General Bickett had advo-cated the power of the Corporation Commission to regulate the passenger rates, but he believed it would be ill-advised for the railroad commanies to press this matter at this time. He concurred in the position taken by the Governor that there should be a trial of the present rates for a normal year.

would not be necessary, and that the present 2 %-cent rate would in the end prove reasonably remunerative. Governor Kitchin, in reply, said he, stong with many people, had gathered the idea that the railroad companies had receded from their compromise requirement for the one-year trial period, that feature of the compromise requirement for the one-year trial period, that feature of the compromise having been stricken out, with the approval of the railroad companies.

Mr. Finley explained that he in his great desire for an adjustment at, the time the compromise was pending, had only expressed his personal inclination to waite the supuation of the trial period, but that he had not conferred with officials of any other railroad interested.

Not a Fair Test.

Covernor Kitchin, and the great difficulty of the situation, as he saw it, was that the past year had been one of unusual depression, and not a fair test of the fairness of the rates under normal business conditions. He did not think the rates now in force unfair or unreasonable. While he had not gone into the matter in detail, he said that he must insist on the knew the people on any twant unreasonable rates imposed on the railroad rates. This brought the conference to a close after about a three hours' session. The railroad officials left to-night and way at this time. No move in that direction that could be made at this mine, he declared, would have a "soothing effect" on the people of the State. This brought the conference to a close after about a three hours' session. The railroad officials left to-night and would make no statement as to future plans.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, January 30.—The build President Emerson, of the Ceast Line, said he could not take any view of the situation except that the people of North Carolina, absolutely fair in all respects, would heartily indorse the idea of creating the proper State tribunal to go into these rate matters and injust them in such a manner as might be shown to be necessary to conserve the best interests of the people and railroad companies.

In asking this, he said, the rafficads were moving for the best interests.

Mrs. Edwards Will Recover.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA. January 20.—The
reports from the bedside of Mrs. P. C.
Edwards, at the St. Vincent's Hospital,
are to the effect that the chances for
her recovery are rapidly improving.
She spent a comfortable night and
there are no unfavorable brain
symptoms, to indicate that the bullet
did any serious damage. The ball has
not yet been extracted, and is found
to have lodged in the lower part of
the jaw, beneath the ear.

Getting Ready for Planting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CAPE CHARLES, VA. January 39. The truckers have taken full advan-tage of the beautiful open weather of this month to make ready their land for spring potatoes, and, judging by the preparations on overy hand, the acreage will be larger than ever. The amount of seed round potatoes pur chased has been larger than ever be

[Special to The Times-Dispatch, ALEXANDRIA, VA., January

Leave for China.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 20.—

Arc-deacon E. H. Thomson and wife,
who have been visiting this city, left
to-day for China to resume their misslonary work in that country.

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Cleared by Coroner's Jury, Childress Is Arrested for Killing of Dan Gilley.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.1 DANVILLE, VA., January 30.—Ottis Childress, aged about thirty years. cult Court of Pittavivania county. harging him with the murder of Dan Gilley, a farmer, who resided a few from this city, and who was Childress was taken to Chatham today and will be tried in March.

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The killing of Gilley occurred at his home at midnight, and followed his arrest by a posse on the charge of the theft of a load of tobacco. Childress was in the party, and had, it is said, been deputized as a special officer. Gilley was shot in the abdomen, and dled a short time afterwards.

The shooting was claimed to have been accidental, and the ovidence before the coroner's inquest substantiated this theory, and a verdict exonerating Childress was returned, and the whole case was supposed to have been dropped. The widow of the slain man recently appeared before the grand jury and testified that numerous shots were fired at her husband.

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